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## STATE CONTROL OF N. Z. BANK

### World Trend To Socialism --- Goldwell

British Labor Win Gives  
Impetus to Democratic  
Progressive Forces

"I am naturally very pleased with the results of the British general election. The decisive victory of the Labour Party indicates clearly the world trend in democratic countries toward progressive and democratic socialism," said M. J. Goldwell, M.P., C.C.F. National Leader, in a statement issued following the announcement of the British election results.

"A particularly satisfactory feature of the result is that the campaign which the British Tories carried on against the Labour Party was exactly similar to the campaign conducted against the C.C.F. here. The refusal of the British people to be fooled by its strengthens my conviction that the reactionary forces in Canada will not again succeed in misleading our people."

"The return of the Labor Party will, I believe, help towards bettering our world."



### PERSONAL STUFF

BY  
E. E. R.

"I WANT a Labor government so that the life of the nation may be carried on. . . My friends, we will be dead and gone and forgotten and generation after generation will come and there will be the search for the Holy Grail by knights like Keir Hardie. The shield of love and the spear of justice will still be in the hands of good and upright men and women, and the ideal of a great future will still be in front of our people. I see no end, thank God, to these things. I see my own horizon, I see my own skyline but I am convinced that when my children or my children's children get there there will be another skyline, another horizon, another glorious beckoning from heaven. That is my faith, and in that faith I go on and my colleagues go on, doing in their own lives what they can to make their addition, to contribute something substantial to the well-being, the happiness and the holiness of human life."

These words were uttered in 1924 by James Ramsey MacDonald. At that time he was at the zenith of his career, a good soldier rewarded by his comrades for a life of utter devotion to the building of the Labor Party and to the propagation of Socialist principles. How puny are individuals, great or small, in comparison with great principles, has never been better demonstrated than in the life of Ramsey MacDonald. He is the man who scorned the betrayal of Labor by MacDonald in 1931 attempt to belittle the work he did in building the Labor Party. Let none despise his

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### BRITAIN'S BIG THREE



ERNEST BEVIN,

as Foreign Secretary, will speak "as common men to common men of other nations." His executive ability was demonstrated in the war years in his wise handling of the manpower problem.



CLEMENT ATTLEE, Prime Minister, and Minister of Defence, who told the 393 Labor M.P.'s, "We now have the clearest mandate from the people and we are going straight ahead."



HERBERT MORRISON,

Lord President of the Council, who revealed his full stature as a statesman during the war years, will be one of the big men in the coming reconstruction of Great Britain.

### TO DIRECT FINANCE OF THE NATION

Government to Buy all Shares  
Now Privately Owned—  
Big Business Objects

By MAURICE KITCHING  
CPA Correspondent

WELLINGTON, N.Z.—Plans to take complete state control of the Bank of New Zealand and of the internal airlines of the Dominion were part of the N.Z. Labor government's legislative program for the session of Parliament which opened the first week in July.

Members of the Tory opposition will fight both proposals to the bitter end.

The Bank of N.Z. is the Dominion's leading bank. Its shares at present are held partly by the N.Z. government and partly by private individuals. Labor proposes to buy for the state all the shares now privately owned so that the bank will be owned and operated for the nation's good. Such a departure from the "existing financial" set-up is arousing the fiercest opposition from those with vested interests in the financial world.

But the general public is not alarmed, recalling equally angry outbursts and equally dire threats when the Reserve Bank was taken over by the state, when social security was introduced and, in fact, whenever Labor proposed any major measure for the benefit of the people as a whole rather than for any one privileged section.

Gov't Air Services

Opposition also will likely be whipped up against the plan to acquire and operate the internal commercial air services of N.Z. Though legislation to that effect is at the moment only "under consideration," it will almost certainly be placed on the statute book before the year ends.

Here again the majority of New Zealanders agree that the proposal is a sound one. Air transport on main routes is too vital for the future well-being of the

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### SERVICEMEN GET A PRIORITY ON HOMES IN AUSTRALIA

Mrs. J. Street, Who Attended  
"Frisco Conference, Visitor  
In Ottawa

OTTAWA (CPA)—Australian servicemen will get priority rating in the acquisition of new homes, to be erected as soon as the war ends in a large-scale national project, Mrs. Jessie Street, Labor party member from Australia, told reporters in Ottawa during her brief visit here last week. Mrs. Street attended the San Francisco conference as one of the 12-member advisory group from her country.

The new Australian prime minister, Mr. Chifley, has been largely responsible for the government's credit and finance policy, which includes a careful price control over not only such commodities as food and clothing but also over houses and stocks and bonds. There will be no danger of

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### LESS FOR HEALTH UNDER DREW GOVT

TORONTO—A cut of \$2,000,000 in appropriations for health and welfare and a direct refusal by the Drew government to undertake any housing projects were highlights of the special session of the Ontario legislature.

The cuts made showed a direct intention to decrease the social services available to the people. Thus, the appropriation for venereal disease prevention is \$50,000 less than in last year's estimates; T.B. prevention is down \$570,000; hospital grants down \$375,000; mental hospital appropriations down \$482,000; day nursery appropriations down \$160,000; mothers' allowances down \$416,000; provision for unemployment relief down \$144,000.

When challenged by W. J. Grummett, C.C.F. house leader, to explain the cuts, Hon. R. P. Vivian claimed they were made possible by "saving and good management."

### HERE'S THE RECORD!

The British Columbia C.C.F. News recently published an interesting table which strikingly shows one of the ways in which capitalism works. The table speaks for itself! (Hon. Humphrey Mitchell in a CBC broadcast on Monday expressed the conviction that free enterprise, in co-operation with the government and labor unions, will meet the problems of rehabilitating veterans.)

1913—Unemployed	110,000
1914—War	
1915—War	
1916—War	
1917—War	
1918—War	
1919—Unemployed	100,000
1920—Unemployed	200,000
1921—Unemployed	193,761
1922—Unemployed	150,000
1923—Unemployed	120,000
1924—Unemployed	150,000
1925—Unemployed	150,000
1926—Unemployed	110,000
1927—Unemployed	90,000
1928—Unemployed	85,000
1929—Unemployed	110,000
1930—Unemployed	350,000
1931—Unemployed	469,958
1932—Unemployed	650,000
1933—Unemployed	675,000
1934—Unemployed	575,000
1935—Unemployed	500,000
1936—Unemployed	450,000
*1937—Unemployed	360,000
*1938—Unemployed	275,000
1939—War	150,000
1940—War	
1941—War	
1942—War	
1943—War	
1944—War (Dec.)	10,000
1945—War	???

\* Beginning of preparation for war—and helping to arm Germany and Japan!

What of the future!

### AIRCRAFT Lay-offs START

LONDON—A lay-off of between 350 and 600 workers at Central Aircraft Limited here is expected shortly, National Selective Service states.

### ERASED BALLOTS ARE COUNTED FOR HON. J. G. GARDINER

MELVILLE—The recount of ballots cast in the Melville riding in the general election which was requested by the C.C.F. candidate Mr. Helmer J. Benson, concluded on Saturday with Hon. J. G. Gardiner declared elected by 28 votes.

When the recount was ordered, Mr. Gardiner had a margin of only 38 votes, but several known discrepancies at some of the polls were sufficient grounds upon which to order the recount.

Suspicious Ballots

Early in the recount it was found that 12 of the ballots cast at Robert Poll, in the Goodvee district, gave the appearance of having been tampered with, according to submission made to the judge by Mr. Benson's counsel. A scrutiny of these 12 ballots revealed that they had all been

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### MOVE TO DISPERSE FARBENINDUSTRIE

An advisory board for the direction and control of the I. G. Farbenindustrie adopted July 9 a three-point program to destroy the chemical combine's property devoted only to the German war machine, transfer by repatriation to the United Nations any assets which might be used for the Japanese war, and disperse the trust's ownership.

This was announced by the United States Group Control Council for Germany, which said the newly appointed advisory board was headed by Col. Charles S. Reid, former Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court.

A program to manage the combine's 24 plants is to be carried out by subcontrol officers now in charge of the plants.

The advisory board's program is subject to revision through agreements by the quadripartite government council.

### CCF SENDS MESSAGE TO BRITISH LABOR

Provincial Convention in Edmonton Nov. 23 and 24;  
Organizers Appointed

Extending its good wishes, the Provincial Board of the Alberta C.C.F., meeting in Edmonton over the week-end sent a cable of congratulation to the British Labor Party on its outstanding victory at the polls.

The National Office of the C.C.F., will also be asked to arrange immediately for a prominent member of the new British government to visit Canada to conduct a speaking tour under the auspices of the C.C.F.

Mrs. Nellie Peterson, vice-president, was appointed as an organizer for the northern part of the province and J. P. Griffin for southern Alberta.

Plans for carrying on the educational and organization work of the movement were discussed in detail.

# BRITISH LABOR VICTORY

## A Challenge to the CCF

By David Lewis CCF National Secretary

**M**Y FIRST thought, after recovering from the thrill of the Labor victory in Britain, was, "What a pity Canada is out of step with the other nations of the British Commonwealth."

And a pity it is indeed. We now have socialist governments in Australia, New Zealand and Britain. If Canada were in the same position, the major nations of the British Commonwealth would be united not only by historical and constitutional ties, but also by the bonds of a common social philosophy and common economic and political ends. The influence of such a powerful progressive combination on world peace and reconstruction cannot be exaggerated. This is the picture the C.C.F. tried to present to the Canadian people last June. Unfortunately, our party was too young, and capitalist illusions in Canada still too strong, for us to succeed as well as we had hoped.

As one read and the kind of campaign which the Tories waged against the Labor Party in Britain, one feared that it might have effect in the same way as such a campaign had had on the fortunes of our party here. But neither the nature of the campaign, nor the personal popularity of Churchill, nor their deep gratitude for his magnificent war job, could keep the British people from their determination to build a new Britain out of the sufferings of the war. We, in Canada, pay tribute to their vision and steadfastness.

**Fraudulent Bogeys**  
The victory of the Labor Party in Britain has tremendous significance for the world and for us in Canada. We take new courage and new hope. The road of the Labor Party to power was not easy, not easier than the road of our C.C.F. here. The British people also allowed themselves to be fooled in the past. They had their Zinoviev letter in 1924, their savings and security scare in 1931, their anti-communist hysteria in 1935. In all three British elections the people were frightened away



from Labor by fraudulent bogeys. And victory by Labor in those years might have been decisive in building collective security in time to prevent the second World War.

### No Easy Road

This has been the history of socialist movements everywhere. It was probably a little too naive of us in the C.C.F. to have expected an easier road to victory. There is no such road. However, the decisive victory of Labor in Britain underlines once again that the future belongs to socialism—here as elsewhere.

It is important not to be misled by specious attempts by our Canadian press to explain the Labor victory as a protest against the war restrictions in that country. That is sheer nonsense. Labor was, of course, part of the Government responsible for the conduct of the war. In fact, the departments which were most directly concerned with imposing wartime controls were headed by Labor men. Bevin as Minister of Labor, Morrison as Minister of Home Security, Dalton as President of the Board of Trade (the Department which controlled rationing, priorities, etc.) were directly responsible for war controls than any Conservative ministers in that Government.

Thus if the British vote had been merely a protest vote, it would have been registered against and not for Labor.

### Clear Mandate

The vote of the British people was a positive vote for progressive and democratic socialism. When the C.C.F. delegation visited Britain in September of last year, we saw ample evidence that the British people had lost all confidence in the so-called "free enterprise" system. There was also clear evidence that they were prepared for fundamental social change, although no one could have foretold the extent of the shift. Thus it is my conviction that the mandate which the Labor Party has received is a clear mandate, given by the British people consciously and deliberately.

### Betraying Opportunity

The Canadian people will reach a similar conclusion and the day is not far off. On June 11th last, Canadian capitalism was given another chance. Already the Government is betraying its opportunity. Its failure to meet the urgent housing situation; its persistence in giving the people's war plants away to private corporations, whether Canadian, American or British; the complete lack of any plan for conversion to peacetime production; the increasing lay-offs and a host of other basic and urgent matters testify that serious failure faces the government and capitalism in Canada. When the failure becomes patent through its disastrous consequences, the Canadian people will turn to the C.C.F. and its program. Then we will have the opportunity of completing the British family of socialist nations.

Let us begin seriously to prepare for that opportunity now. To us the British Labor victory should be a renewal of the challenge to carry forward with redoubled effort and confidence. For the first time in history democratic socialism has been given a real chance in a major country. There is every reason to believe it will fully justify itself. We wish the Labor government success and we pledge it our solidarity.

in spite of the reactionary victory in our own country.

After all, the Liberal party in Canada was pledged, on paper, to do many of the things we in the C.C.F. are out to get done. With twenty-eight C.C.F. members at Ottawa and the example of a Labor Government in Great Britain, we ought to be able to persuade our Canadian government to go a great deal further along the road of carrying out the more radical part of its promises than it had any real intention of doing. Yes! with two great world powers pledged to the service of humanity and another having a president pledged to righteousness, there really is hope for the common people everywhere in the world.

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## A NEW HOPE

By N.P. Finmemore

**T**HE RESULT of the General Election in Great Britain in the return of the Labor Government to power brings a new hope to the world, the actual dawning of a new day in which the welfare of the ordinary people will have a chance of becoming the main drive behind political and economic progress.

With the great Labor victory we now have the governments of two great world powers, the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain, pledged to bring about an economic order that will have as its basis the establishment of the happiness and welfare of not just a few who may possess more astute or more cunning brains than the rest of us, or who may have been born into class wealth, but the happiness and welfare of us all.

Scientists, engineers, and agriculturists have long shown the world how to produce foods in abundance more than sufficient to supply every individual's needs everywhere in the world. Yet most of the people of the world have lived in fear of want, on the verge of poverty, and millions and millions have been continuously poverty-stricken from the cradle to the grave. It has been

estimated that twenty-three and a half millions of people die in an average normal year from actual starvation.

### Need New Wine Skins

Why? Because under the workings of an economic order whose chief motive of producing and distributing goods is the making of profits, and only incidentally the supplying of human needs, it has proved impossible to make full use of the discoveries of science for the whole-hearted purpose of benefitting all the people.

The greatest of all working men said, "nearly two thousand years ago, 'You cannot put new wine into old wine skins.' We have had the new wine provided by modern science but we have continuously refused to make the new wine skins. We seem now to be within measurable distance of providing those new wine skins in the setting up of a new world order in which full advantage may be taken of all the discoveries that science has or may give us to permit the greatest number of human beings throughout the world to attain the greatest amount of happiness possible.

We in the C.C.F. who have always had this objective as our goal, ought to feel greatly cheered

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## CANADA "UN-BRITISH"

THERE was never any question about the issues at stake in the British elections. The Labor Party program adopted at Blackpool for the election was one of important Socialist reconstruction of the nation. It was no mere recital of generalities but an explicit statement of definite projects that would be undertaken by a Labor Government. The people of Britain knew what they were voting for and the mandate received by the new government is clear and emphatic.

That is the most gratifying fact about the amazing victory of the Labor Party. The election program of the party was bold. The people have given unstinted approval of it. This constitutes not only a willingness but a demand that bold action be taken by the new government to make democratic Socialism effective in the country.

The program of the C.C.F. in Canada is almost identical with that of the Labor Parties of Britain, Australia and New Zealand. There is some irony in the fact that the Canadian people were asked to reject the C.C.F. program as being "un-British". Canada now happens to be the only major part of the British Commonwealth of Nations which is not governed by a party with this allegedly "un-British" program. It reminds us of the story of the fond mother who while watching the parade of soldiers, exclaimed: "Look! the whole regiment is out of step, except my Johnny!"

The fact is that if Britain, Australia and New Zealand are "British" in their policies of government, Canada is "un-British" by its rejection of such policies.

## CO-OPERATION ESSENTIAL

THE Dominion-Provincial conference which takes place in Ottawa next week will be a vital test of the idea of confederation. The division of powers between the provinces and the Dominion permits anything being done in Canada which could be done under a unitary form of government, but only by complete co-operation of the provinces and the Dominion. Failure to co-operate can hamper the nation in dealing with its major problems.

Provincial isolation will be disastrous for Canada at this time. The gigantic task of post-war reconstruction can only be carried out by the nation as a whole. Piecemeal provincial pecking at post-war problems cannot meet the nation's need.

Provincial politicians seem to have little trouble in stirring up the people on the question of "provincial rights". But in many cases the argument for "provincial rights" comes from small-time politicians who want to preserve their places as big toads in a small puddle. "Provincial rights" which will interfere with the people of Canada facing and overcoming their problems as a nation are harmful to the well-being of the people.

The representatives of the provinces should go to next week's conference with one clear objective in mind. That is the good of the nation and its people. Any "provincial rights" which interfere with the attainment of that objective should not be stressed. Co-operation should be the watchword of the conference.

## APPEAL TO MEMBERS AND READERS

IT MIGHT be expected that every member of the C.C.F. in Alberta would be a reader of the *People's Weekly*, and that most readers of the paper would be C.C.F. members. However, an examination of the two lists shows that a great many members of the C.C.F. do not take the *People's Weekly* and quite a large number of readers of the paper are not members of the C.C.F.

This is a matter of some concern to the members of the provincial Board. At its meetings over the past weekend it was urged that every member of the C.C.F. in the province should consider himself, or herself, a full time solicitor, both for C.C.F. memberships and subscriptions to the *People's Weekly*. In particular it was hoped that before the year is out every C.C.F. family in the province will have the *People's Weekly* coming into its home.

An appeal is being made also to readers of the paper who are not members of the C.C.F., but who agree with the policies enunciated by the paper, to associate themselves definitely and actively with the movement as C.C.F. members.

One of the reasons why the British people had no hesitancy in electing a Labor government was because most of the really tough jobs in the coalition government were done in magnificent fashion by the Labor men. Bevin carried out the herculean task of mobilizing the nation's manpower. Morrison took over and made a great success of the Home Secretary's portfolio after two or three top Tories had made a mess of it. Alexander was one of the most capable First Lords of the Admiralty in British history. Dalton was the Board of Trade and Economic Warfare. Cripps was Minister of Aircraft Production. These were the top war jobs.

## THE THIRD COLUMN

"Sir Ashton Pownall tells me he believes he defeated Herbert Morrison and it is likely that Ernest Bevin had a close shave at Wandsworth. Sir James Grigg, Secretary of State for War, is supposed to have lost his seat. Sir Donald Somervell, Home Secretary, is on the danger list. So is Sir Walter Mommsen. Pensions Minister Brendan Bracken is a doubtful and Churchill's Parliamentary Secretary Brigadier Harvie Watt is by no means a certainty at Richmond."

—Adelphi in *The Financial Post*, July 21, 1945.

"The Jews are popularly supposed to be a very clever race, and in a narrow sense, this is probably true. To say they are a wise race, however, would be to ignore many of their more salient characteristics, some of which are common to many orientals. For instance, Professor Laszki is accepted as one of their star turns. . . . We feel that as Professor Laszki can only be persuaded to make a series of speeches elaborating the major part he has played in history from behind the scenes, we are fairly safe from a Socialist government for many years."—*The Social Creditor* (England) July 7, 1945.

"But now the war in Europe is finished, the end of the war with Japan is in sight, and Mr. Howe has a chance to rest from his labours on oil production. Last month, the new abandoned plant was damaged by fire, and the government announced that it was withdrawing from the tar sands enterprise. The again-damaged plant will be again rebuilt, and private interests will carry on the work not started by Mr. Howe. But don't expect a sudden flood of cheap oil and gas. The best men who could be found are still interested in the tar sands and the rebuilt plant, also some if not all of them are more or less tied up with the larger oil concerns. The development of the fabulously rich tar sands is likely to take its place with the development of B.C. iron ore as among those things which are unnecessary in the brave new world which Private Enterprise proposes to build for itself in the near future."

—Dennis Pratt, "News", July 21, 1945.

"The best election story I heard was told me by a soldier. He and some pals came out of a Labour meeting and walked down the street lustily singing the 'Red Flag'. As the approach of a military policeman, their voices wavered and stopped. 'What's the matter with you?' he asked brusquely. 'Don't you know the next line? It's 'Let comrades finish!''"

—G. R. Strauss, *Tribune* (London), July 13, 1945.

"As Mr. Churchill's car reached the junction of Bethnal Green-road and High-street, Shoreditch, he encountered severe heckling. 'The Prime Minister raised his voice, and cried: 'Give us a chance to carry out our program.' This remark was greeted by a group of 30 Servicemen chanting in unison: 'You've had it, cum!'"—*London Daily Herald*.

"I painfully reflect that in almost every political conference of the last 50 years, the leisured classes, the educated classes, the wealthy classes, the titled classes, have been in the wrong. The common people—the toilers, the men of uncommon sense—these have been responsible for nearly all of the social reform measures which the world accepts today."—Rt. Hon. William Ewart Gladstone.

## Saturday Night DISCUSSION

Big raindrops were beating a pleasant tattoo on the large window of the Bruces' capacious living room. Joe Mooney pushed back his chair and putting up his hands in an attitude of compulsion, said: "Quiet! I want to listen to the music! And I mean music. You know, Jim, Judy and I were thinking coming in tonight that if the clouds we saw didn't have any rain in them, we were going to apply to you for a job. As it is, it's *Sat* and we're hanging on the fence before the next year is out."

"And you're not the only one," Jim Bruce responded. "The state of the crops certainly means a lot to people in this city. To hear the conversation at the Kiwanis club meeting this week you'd think they were all farmers. No rain and short crop hits us all," he added.

"That goes for railroaders, too," Bill Ferguson put in. "And for all the rest of us," Alex Manson added. "And if a poor pedagogue may be permitted to suggest a moral," he went on, "there would appear to be a general lesson to be learned from this example of interdependence."

"Such as . . . ?," Bill asked. "Such as . . . need for national and international security. The prosperity of one section of our population depends upon the prosperity of other classes. And we can't expect a peaceful world if some nations are poor and others rich."

"But didn't some people in Canada do all right in the depression years, Alex?" Bill queried again.

"Yes, but they were only a small privileged class that controlled monopolies in various lines."

"Most business concerns were hit just as hard by the depression as anybody else," Jim Bruce asserted. "And if you know what it means to be one jump ahead of the sheriff you'll know what I mean."

"Exactly, Jim," Alex said, "and that is one of the reasons why I have never been able to understand why so many business people, merchants and others whose existence depends on farmers and wage-earners having money in their pockets to spend, are nearly always lined up on the side of the big shots in political and economic discussions."

"Well, surely when business interests are in danger, all business, big and small, is in the same boat, isn't it?" Jim asked.

"Yes, and no," Alex replied, "mostly no."

"Why mostly no, Alex?" Joe queried.

"Just this. It is possible for business that is big enough to be monopolistic, to make big profits and pay dividends even in poor times. They've done it. But smaller business must have good times to be prosperous and there are no ifs, ands or buts about it," Alex replied. "If the farmers and industrial workers have little or no money to spend you can be sure that merchants like Jim are going to be in danger of bankruptcy," he added.

"But surely big business is just as anxious to have prosperity as anyone else," Jim said. "The better times are the more they make; isn't that so?"

"But can big business be prosperous in the big way it wants to be, and have the rest of us prosperous too?" Joe Mooney asked.

"Sure, why not?" Jim asserted. "It has been that way during the war hasn't it?"

"Then why are they howling to get the excess profit taxes taken off?" Bill cut in.

"That probably is the answer to Joe's question," Alex said.

"Although no kind of business has suffered much during the war, it is true that profits have not been as high as they would have been if taxes had not been high too. If

we can believe what we read in the financial papers the larger business interests feel that they've been paying most of the shot for the war."

"But haven't their profits been just as high as they were before the war?" Bill asked.

"Yes, on the average quite a bit higher," Alex replied, "but their taxes are much higher, too."

"Do you mean that they've had to pay more taxes out of the same profits?" Joe queried.

"Oh no. Net profits, that is profits remaining after all taxes are paid, are higher than before the war," Alex answered.

"Then by golly the war hasn't cost them anything as I see it!" Joe exclaimed.

"Couldn't we go further and say that almost every business concern in Canada is richer than it was before the war?" Bill put in.

"That is right, I think," Alex said. "Probably the most significant fact about our national economy is that we are coming out of the war much wealthier as a nation than we were before we went into it, despite all we've destroyed. Of course I am speaking of material wealth," he added. "We are certainly poorer in human resources to the extent that we have lost a good many of our best young men."

"You're all wet if you think all businesses have made money out of the war prosperity," Jim asserted. "Unless a business was making a good profit before the war it has been able to make no headway during the war because all its profits are excess profits. And believe me there have been lots of headaches."

"That puts them in the same class as the farmer again," Joe cut in. "In spite of higher prices for grain and livestock, we've only been able to get by with a decent living. There hasn't been anything left over for a rainy day—or for no rain, or for what you folks call business expansion," he said.

"That isn't so of big business," Bill said. "Most of the larger companies did have big enough profits before the war and those in war production were allowed to deduct plenty for depreciation and are coming out of the war with big reserves. Isn't that so, Alex?"

"It isn't so of most of the small businesses," Jim contended.

"I think you're both right," Alex said.

"What I'm interested in is the future," Bill put in. "I don't want to go back on the spare boards. Why in heaven's name can't we have jobs for everyone and decent prices for farm stuff in peace as well as in war?"

"The answer is, it all depends on whether we are prepared to do in peace what we've done in war," Alex said.

"Meaning what?" Joe queried. "Meaning that we've kept production at a high level by government spending," Alex replied.

"At the cost of high taxes and increasing debt," Jim said.

"I'd like to argue that point, but instead I ask you this, Jim," Alex answered. "Wouldn't you rather have it this way, even with high taxes, than the way it was before the war? As sure as anything you know old man, the only way we can have continuous prosperity is by consuming what we produce or by exchanging it for things other people produce. That's what we've been doing during the war."

"Agreed," Jim Bruce said, "but why can't it be done under private enterprise?"

"I seem to have heard that a fellow named Marx answered that one," Joe Mooney interjected. "As for me and my house, I'm enough for us that private enterprise didn't do it, and public enterprise did it. But also as for me and my house, Judy and I are going home. With those showers of blessing still coming down, we've got stuck in the mud—I hope."



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# World Trend To Socialism

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ter understanding between nations and will lead to still stronger possibilities for permanent peace. It will bring great encouragement to the progressive forces throughout Europe and the world."

OTTAWA, (CPA)—The Canadian capital buzzed with news of Britain's Labor party victory on Thursday of last week. Happy people, naturally, were the C.C.F. leaders, who sent off a batch of cables to Attlee, Laski, and Phillips. "The best news this year," was the comment at National Office, "but, as a rueful afterthought, '... if only it had been a couple of months sooner!'"

There was some confusion elsewhere in the city, as afternoon papers carried the news of a 200-member lead by the Laborites. Lots of people in Ottawa had fondly supposed that a sturdy British democracy was above that sort of thing, and no doubt the same people were a bit out of pocket as a result of betting on "Winnie," which tended to increase their low view of international politics.

### Sudden Awakening

The small-scale parallel of Mr. Churchill in this country, Canada's Tory leader, had the hardest time finding the right words.

"The people of Britain have spoken again," Mr. Bracken said. "The results indicate a desire for a progressive-thinking approach to the peacetime problems facing

the nation."  
And after he thought that over he tackled on another sentence: "That desire is now recognized by all modern political parties." Sudden awakening!

And then there are always the people like a clerk in a downtown store who, when asked what he thought of the election, said, "Yeh, Roosevelt did pretty good."

"Not Roosevelt; Churchill."

"Yeh, Churchill did pretty good."

"No he didn't. The Labor party won."

"Yeh, they did pretty good."

Attlee  
Canadians generally are curious about the new British prime minister, Clement Attlee. Already the capitalist press is playing him down as "cautious, colorless," but his forthright statement on hearing of his party's victory augurs well for his government's future course.

"This is the first time in the history of this country that Labor has ever had a clear-cut majority. It will enable us to implement the policy of the Socialist party."

Few men possess the rhetorical gifts of Winston Churchill, but a few Attlee remarks reveal a pungent eloquence of their own. This expression of his attitude toward totalitarianism needs no apologies from its author:

"I object to dictatorships, whether in blue shirts, green shirts, red shirts, or any other kind of shirts, but I object equally when they are in boiled shirts."

## COTE DESERTS TO LIBERAL PARTY

OTTAWA, (CPA)—Following a meeting of the Quebec C.C.F. Council, it has been announced that David Cote will no longer represent the C.C.F. in the provincial legislature. Mr. Cote told the Council that he is at present negotiating with the Liberal party, and that financial considerations were the basis for his defection. Consequently the Quebec Council issued a statement expelling Mr. Cote from membership in the C.C.F.

Mr. Cote gave no indication of disagreement with the political program of the party which sponsored his election in 1944. Although no public statement has yet been made by the C.C.F. association in Ronny Moranda, information received by the C.C.F. Council in Quebec is that Cote will be strongly censured by his constituency council.

The capitalist press of Canada

has of course seized on this event in Quebec to represent the C.C.F. as a party of rigid conservatism which will not tolerate any individual expression of opinion. Actually however, by Cote's own admission, it was not disagreement with democratic socialist policy, but solely personal, mercenary considerations. The Quebec Council felt that a man to whom political faith meant so little had no place in the C.C.F. party, and that his loss would not be of much account to the movement.

## FILM TO BE SHOWN; DOWLER TO SPEAK AT MEETING AUG. 14

Following a business session commencing at 8:15 p.m., the public will be invited at 9 p.m. to see the film, "Men of Rochdale" when the Edmonton C.C.F. holds its regular meeting in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Tuesday, August 14. J. H. Dowler, who acted as a C.C.F. scrutineer overseas during the federal election, will also speak.

## — CCF NEWS —

**Set Convention Date**  
The date of the provincial convention was set for November 23 and 24 in Edmonton with the Provincial Board meeting on November 22.

The Publications Board was commended for the manner in which it had carried out its duties in connection with the publication of the People's Weekly. It was recommended also that the People's Weekly sponsor a radio broadcast.

Attending the meeting were: J. E. Cook, provincial president; Elmer E. Roper, provincial leader; Mrs. Nellie Peterson, vice-president; Clifford E. Lee, treasurer; J. King, secretary; Mrs. M. W. Wick, Lethbridge; J. N. Sykes, West Calgary; Sigurd Lefsrud, Bruce, Executive members; J. Tipman, Acadia; Uri Powell, Peace River; R. H. Carlyle, Red Deer; C. A. Coutts, Melford; Charlie E. Roche, Edmonton; Gordon Clark, Edmonton; East; Irvin Ornest, Edmonton, C.C.Y.M. representative; J. P. Griffin.

**Carlson, President**  
Peace River Block—The annual Convention of the Peace River Block was held at the Seth Dawson Community Hall on Thursday, July 26. Mr. Wm. Irvine, M.P., thanked those present for their hard work in connection with the election. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Gus Carlson; Vice-President, H. E. Roche; Secretary-President, Mrs. D. Clarke; Executive members, Messrs. Taylor, Dodds, Framst, Mrs. Loucks, Mrs. Armstrong, also Messrs. Miller, Close, Silvertown, Mitchell, Holtslander, Warder, Dahlen, and Floyd. Mr. Roche was chosen as Provincial Council member. A large number of resolutions were passed by the convention.

**ANNUAL PICNIC**  
Forshee and district local C.C.F. clubs are holding their annual picnic at Assured Beach on Sunday, August 12th. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend this gathering.

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## RUSSELL JOHNSTON HEADS CCF GROUP

J. E. Cook Speaker at Acadia  
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Convention

Acadia - Coronation C.C.F. constituency convention was held in Sedalia community hall on July 20th.

There was a good attendance of delegates. Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Cook of Calmar attended the convention and Mr. Cook, who is provincial president, was the guest speaker.

Mr. George Sturmer was in the chair and the afternoon was fully occupied, discussing matters pertaining to organization, resolutions, etc. It was decided to have the directors canvass intensively for memberships.

A resolution re-sustaining memberships was passed and forwarded to head office.

The officers for 1945 are as follows: President, Russell Johnston, Helmsdale; Vice-President, Ray Massam, Sedalia; Secretary, R. Thornton, Sedalia. Directors: E. Maddock, Coronation; C. Eckman, Fleet; P. Hauer, Naco; W. Steele, Coronation; George Strumer, Consort; H. Kells, Consort; A. Blair, Naco; Chas. Ford, Naco; Wm. Byler, Oyen; J. Hardie, Oyen; H. Taggart, Excel; Wm. Agar, Cereal.

After lunch Mr. Cook gave a fine address to an appreciative audience. There was a question period followed by a dance.

The board wishes to extend its thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cook who came such a distance in the terrific heat of Friday and Saturday to attend the convention.

Your secretary takes this opportunity of urging everyone who has not already done so, to renew their membership at once. Also get at least one subscription to the People's Weekly.

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# Socially - Owned Insurance In Saskatchewan

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SINCE the C.C.F. is committed to a program of social ownership of financial institutions and the elimination of exploitation and economic waste, the C.C.F. government which took power in Saskatchewan July 10, 1944, immediately surveyed the field to see where it could best begin to implement its program. Insurance obviously offered itself as one of the most flagrant examples of exploitation and wasteful activity on the part of capitalist business.

Checking the figures for insurance, other than life insurance, sold in Saskatchewan during the ten year period 1935 to 1944, this is what the government found: over \$28,000,000 had been paid out by Saskatchewan people for fire insurance but only a little over \$7,000,000 had been returned as loss payments; over \$6,000,000 had been paid for automobile insurance premiums and less than \$3,000,000 had been paid for losses; over \$17,000,000 had been expended for casualty and miscellaneous policies and less than \$9,000,000 had been returned for losses.

### Exorbitant Cost

When these figures were added together it was found that the people of one of the least wealthy provinces of Canada had paid out in ten years, a period when many children were going to school with gunny sacks wrapped around their feet and when many families were living on potatoes and bread, over \$2,000,000, for little more than \$10,000,000 worth of insurance protection. Saskatchewan people had been forced to put up \$33,000,000 as the "cost" of insurance protection.

The new Saskatchewan government, looking at these figures, decided something had to be done about the situation immediately. At the first, special session of the legislature in the fall of 1944, legislation was passed permitting the government to enter practically all fields of insurance.

The primary reason for the government entering the insurance field was, of course, to re-

duce the extravagant cost of insurance to the people of Saskatchewan. It aimed to do this by (1) lowering premium costs from 10 to 25 per cent and (2) returning all operating surpluses to the people in the form of increased social services.

There were also other factors which determined the government's action in choosing insurance as one of its earliest social enterprises. First, while the government had an overwhelming mandate from the people to undertake all kinds of socially-owned enterprises, this mandate was especially strong regarding financial enterprises such as insurance. Secondly, little or no tangible assets or plant were required.

### Worked Out Well

This second consideration worked out so well in practice that had the staff been willing to postpone salary payments during the first six weeks of organization, no money from the government would have been required to get the insurance business in operation. As it was, very little of the \$12,000 voted by the legislature was used. In fact, by the time the \$12,000 had disentangled itself from legislative red tape, the people of Saskatchewan had responded so well to the idea of government insurance that more than enough money was available to meet running expenses. Within four months of the founding of the business over \$25,000 of unearned premium reserves had been invested in Saskatchewan securities.

A third factor in determining the government's prompt action in entering the insurance field was the fact that of the 244 insurance companies doing business in Saskatchewan, more than 200 of them had their head offices outside the province. The government felt the province was being "bled" by outside financial interests. It felt the people were paying unnecessary salaries, wasteful overhead charges and for unused reserves

of private and mutual companies.

### Study Various Plans

The act passed at the special session of the legislature, known popularly by its short title, "The Government of Saskatchewan Insurance Act," was drafted after comprehensive study of similar legislation setting up socially-owned insurance in other parts of the world and largely followed the same principles. The act did not stipulate under which minister it was to be administered, and after the session it was assigned to Social Welfare Minister Hon. O. W. Valleau in his capacity as Provincial Secretary.

The act empowered the government to engage in nearly every type of insurance, but it was decided to limit operations to the fire, automobile and casualty fields at the start. For one thing, the government felt that life insurance should be socialized on a national basis. In addition, a genuine co-operative Saskatchewan life company had been formed some months previously which the government felt would serve as a check on more flagrant exploitation in this field.

### Capable Staff

Following passage of the act, the government set about to find a manager for the Insurance Office. Finally chosen from among several applicants was Michael F. Allore of Toronto. Besides 15 years experience with one of the largest fire and casualty groups in the Dominion, Mr. Allore possessed another important quality—a strong interest and belief in the principles of social ownership. Other key members of the office staff, which now number 10, were chosen on the same basis of practical experience and belief in social ownership.

Following preliminary organization work by Mr. Allore, it was found desirable to amend the insurance act in several important respects, which was done at the second session of the new legislature, held in the spring of 1945.

### Crown Corporation

First, the relation of the insurance office to the government was changed so that it became, in effect, a crown corporation, although it did not come under the provisions of the Crown Corporations Act which was passed at the same session. Greater managerial control, flexibility and freedom from "red tape" derived from this set-up made the change desirable. The Insurance Office is now operated and controlled similarly to the Power Commission and the Government Telephone System of the province.

Second, the operational boundaries of the office were enlarged beyond Saskatchewan to include all Canadian provinces where a license for carrying on business was desired and could be secured. The chief reason for this was the large number of insurance customers throughout Canada who undoubtedly would welcome an opportunity to insure with a socially-owned service. While no applications for licenses in other provinces had been made by the summer of 1945, it was believed

that there would be little difficulty in obtaining them.

Third, a clause was inserted in the act which would permit anyone in Saskatchewan to buy insurance from the government office. This was done to counter the restrictive practices of many mortgage companies which require their mortgagors to obtain their insurance from one of a group of insurance companies selected by the mortgage company. The clause made it mandatory for mortgage companies to allow their mortgagors to obtain Government Insurance if they so desire.

Of the various practices of the Government Insurance Office, there are several worthy of special attention. One departure from regular practice is that no commissions are paid to agents on insurance of public property, whether it be municipal or provincial. Such insurance, in its effect, written directly from the head office. This practice has already meant considerable savings to the provincial and municipal governments for insurance covering office buildings, machinery, libraries, stores, hospitals, schools and similar public properties.

### Dual Insurance

The Government Office also makes a dual insurance service available to the public; that is, insurance is available either through agents, or directly from head office at a 10% discount.

The Government Office realizes that the public has been trained to "sold" insurance. It is attempting to educate the people to serve themselves and thereby effect a considerable saving. However, it is realized that a length of time is required for this educational process, and in the meantime, full use is made of agents. In all events, agents are required to perform investigating, inspection and adjusting duties for which, in the case of directly-written insurance, they are paid a generous service fee. Generally speaking, it has been found that agents and agencies as a whole are accepting the dual service plan with excellent co-operation. It is pointed out to agents that the government visualizes the transition of insurance from a commission basis to a service basis and that agents of proven ability during the early years are likely to become well-paid service men of the future.

Another practice of the Saskatchewan Government Insurance Office that is worthy of notice is the complete elimination of racial discrimination. In selling insurance, the office absolutely ignores the racial origin of its clients.

Critics of government insurance claim the office is at a disadvantage because it cannot, for political reasons, refuse to sell insurance to any citizen of the province. The Government Office admits a certain amount of truth in this assertion but points out that the use of a common underwriting practice eliminates any difficulty. Ordinarily underwriting risks the Government Office can and does charge a surcharge in line

with sound underwriting practices.

### Remarkable Headway

At the end of the first four months of operation the Government Insurance Office had made remarkable headway. During the early period, and despite relatively little publicity, the steadily expanding office staff had great difficulty in keeping up with the volume of policies. More than 150 agents had been selected from hundreds of applicants. The qualifications of agents were the usual ones of sound character and initiative plus a sincere belief in the principles of social ownership. It has been the general practice to appoint exclusive agents for Government Insurance, but established agents who realize the importance of social ownership and promise to convert existing policies to Government Insurance upon renewal, are also appointed.

The Government Office gave the 1100 co-operative societies in the province an early opportunity to act as agents and many of these have already signed agency contracts. It is pointed out that Government Insurance is a natural development of the co-operative experience in doing business. The Government Office is working closely with the co-operative life insurance venture and more than 100 of the government insurance agents also sell co-operative life policies. The Saskatchewan public can now buy all their insurance from their own businesses and from single agents.

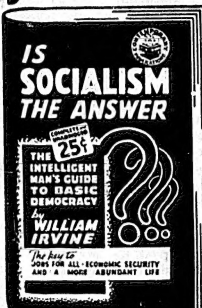
### Compulsory Auto Insurance?

Further interesting developments in Government Insurance are likely to take place when the Saskatchewan government sets out to introduce compulsory automobile insurance. An amendment to the Motor Vehicles Act authorizing compulsory automobile insurance was passed at the 1945 session of the legislature. The government is also planning to broaden its fire prevention work and link it up with the activities of the insurance office in order to further reduce the waste from fires in the province. It is interesting to note that Saskatchewan already enjoys a record of very low loss as compared to the remainder of Canada.

Both the Saskatchewan government and the insurance office are taking a long term view of socially-owned insurance. Already underway is an expansive program of public relations featuring the need to keep premiums within the province and to have surplus earnings contribute toward the welfare of all the people of Saskatchewan. It is believed the government insurance office can become a major factor in creating more prosperous and secure living within the province.

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# Drop Your Guns Outside, Boys!

An interesting regulation has just been published in "Canadian War Orders and Regulations."

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and terms of imprisonment for the illegal possession of them.

An "automatic firearm" is described as "any machine gun, sub-machine gun, automatic rifle, machine carbine or any magazine or belt-fed weapon."

Just as well to be on the safe side, says the Minister of Justice. Because we haven't even got the foundations laid for those 60,000 essential housing units, and there seems to be a little confusion in the drafting of our full employment program. Those lads might be too quick on the trigger.

## A Bit Of Nonsense

St. Peter: "How did you get up here?"

Latest Arrival: "Flu."

Young Mother (anxiously): "What makes you think the baby is going to be a great politician?"

Father (confidently): "I'll tell you my dear. He can say more things that sound well and mean nothing at all, than any child I ever saw."

"am from." "Don't be daft," said the other. "You ought to know 'am grows, like apples." "Who told you that 'am grows?" asked the first, not being himself certain enough of the facts to boldly contradict his friend. "Nobody," came the answer, "but it said in the paper one day that some soldiers ran into an 'ambush."

Husband: "I'm going to make a resolution not to drink any more."

Wife: "What's the use of that? You couldn't possibly drink any more!"

"Nobody seemed to think he was such a bad egg until he lost his money."

"Brother, you never discover a bad egg until it's broke."

Two little English war guests who hadn't been in the country before set eyes on a pig. "Look, 'Erb," said the first to see the creature, "that's where we get our

It was his final day of leave and he was about to take his place in a passenger plane to return to his camp when a young lady rushed up and asked if she could have his seat as her mother was dangerously ill and she must reach her quickly.

He consented, then wired his C.O.: "Given birth to girl. Returning on tomorrow's plane."

The reply received was: "Congratulations on your achievement. Your next confinement will be in barracks."

Mother (to daughter): I don't want you to marry, I've seen the folly of it.

Daughter: But, mother, I want to see the folly of it too.

## Erased Ballots

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marked for Mr. Benson, had been erased and another X placed opposite Mr. Gardiner's name. The twelve were all found together, one on top of the other in the same envelope. Although it was admitted that a suspicion attached to these ballots, they all went into the total for Mr. Gardiner.

the presiding judge.

When the ballots cast by the Armed Forces came up for scrutiny, it was discovered that 15 votes had been taken into the total which came out of envelopes on which the armed forces electors had declared that they had come from constituencies other than Melville. There was no way of knowing whether these votes were for Mr. Gardiner or for Mr. Benson, but they apparently should not have been included in the Melville ballots.

Judge Refuses

These ballots alone, would make a difference of 24 in the final total, thus reducing Mr. Gardiner's majority to 4 votes. Counsel for Mr. Benson requested that all the ballots in this poll be disregarded but the request was refused by

Other Discrepancies

Several other ballots were counted which were of a doubtful nature.

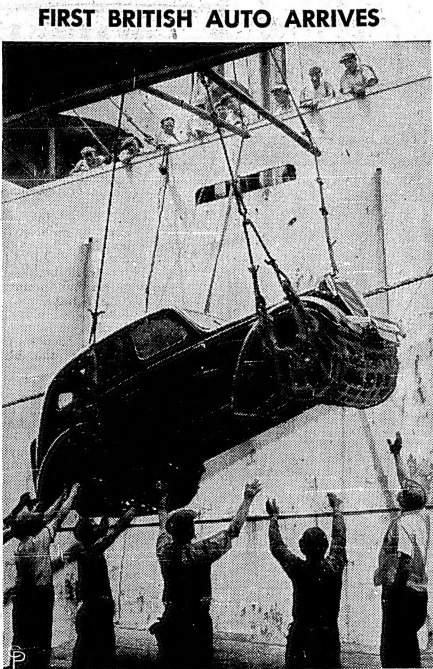
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Outstanding advantage of the new method is that it reduces the number of operations and the pain, both physical and mental, undergone by patients suffering from major facial and body injuries.

Hitherto the time factor involved in skin grafting on to a number of areas necessitated a series of operations. Under the skin storage method, however, the only operation necessary is the short one needed to cut the skin. Later the skin can be applied at

the bedside without using an anaesthetic, since it is "glued" instead of being stitched, reports the British medical journal "Lancet."

It is pointed out that the "donor" area—the place from which the good skin is cut—often causes more pain afterwards than the actual field of operation. Skin storage will cut down the number of donor areas needed. It will also provide spare skin in case the graft partially fails to "take". The skin is preserved in sterile air-tight bottles placed in a refrigerator.

## MONTREAL STATION IS A BUSY PLACE

MONTREAL—More than 38,825,000 persons, equivalent to nearly three times the population of Canada, have passed through the C.N.R. Central Station here during the past two years, A. A. Gardiner, General Passenger Traffic Manager, Canadian National Railways, announced on the second anniversary of the opening of Montreal's big, modern railway terminal. Of this number, 13,325,000 were passengers on 71,930 trains. The others were seeing relatives and friends off, greeting them on arrival or getting a first-hand view of the station.

lion pieces of baggage were checked—69 tags had to be made out every hour; of 2,674 people coming and going every hour, one left some article in the station, the majority being restored to their owners; and 170,000 telegrams were sent from the telegraph office.

During the 731-day period, 100 trains arrived at or departed from the Central Station each day, carrying an average of 18,263 travellers. The busiest travel days in both years were the Fridays previous to Dominion Day, when 27,448 passengers were handled in 1944 and 28,105 on June 29th last. Next in line were the Fridays before Christmas and the Thursdays prior to Easter.

A good memory makes possible the education of a fool.

As an indication of the great volume of traffic handled at the Central Station during the two years, here are some further statistics: 1,043,421 meals were served in the station restaurant; 190,310 to members of the Armed Forces; 3,250,000 pieces of baggage were handled—nearly a mil-

## CO-OP CIGARETTES TELL WHOLE TRUTH

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Copy Arrives

CHICAGO—Following its fantastic-to-Americans new tell the truth advertising policy, National Co-operatives, Inc. has printed on each carton of the new CO-OP cigarettes that the facts therein contain nothing unusual or mysterious, only "the same amount of nicotine and other ingredients generally believed to be injurious to health" as the other, widely-advertised brands. The complete text of the unusual "advertising copy" follows:

"CO-OP Cigarettes are made of quality domestic tobaccos—expertly blended to give a mild, gratifying smoke.

"Except for the lack of ballyhoo, they will be found to differ very little from brands of more widely heralded renown. Affording the same degree of enjoyment to those who relish smoking a good cigarette, they contain, as well, about the same amount of nicotine and other ingredients generally believed to be injurious to health."

"Selected to carry the CO-OP label by consumer employees, CO-OP Cigarettes are distributed on a not-for-profit co-operative basis. If you enjoy a cigarette, you'll enjoy CO-OP."

Two Million a Month

The first monthly allotment (present war caused limitation), 2,000,000 cigarettes per month, was distributed to the Nation's co-ops last month. Each regional wholesale's allotment, explained National Co-operatives' grocery department head Hugh Bogardus, depends on factors such as patronage records and advance ordering.

Bogardus claimed that despite their tell-the-truth ad policy, "CO-OP cigarettes are no hit-or-miss proposition, but the product of considerable research in an effort to provide a superior cigarette."

—The Co-op Builder.

## SERVICEMEN TO

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the Australian airman or soldier getting "fleece", and he will have a place to live just as soon as the government can divert present war industries to house-building. (Of course to Australia the end of the war means the end of the Pacific war, and there will be little peacetime re-conversion until that time.)

Easy Financing

Housing will be along the lines of the low-rental homes built in New Zealand, Mrs. Street said, and there will also be easy financing for individual home-builders.

Mrs. Street, who has worked in Australia as a labor organizer for the past six years, contested the general election of 1945 and lost by a narrow margin. She met representatives of women's auxiliaries in the Canadian labor movement during her brief visit to the capital, and will stop at New York before her return to Australia.

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# YOUTH - TOMORROW

BY THE CCYM - THE YOUTH SECTION OF THE C.C.F.

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Miss Barbara Davidson, Editor

A SOCIAL conscience is not one of the inherent characteristics of human nature. Primitive man doesn't worry about spoiling his neighbor's hunting. A child has to be taught to have consideration and respect for the rights of others. Learning to see beyond immediate, personal needs and desires is part of the development of man. By the time people have started planning and working as a group they have attained a certain degree of civilization. Most people in our own modern society are



Barbara Davidson willing to limit their actions so that they do not endanger the actual health and security of the community. We have progressed so far. Most people however do not carry altruism to the point where they will deprive themselves in any way in order to benefit their fellows. We are still nearer the Pharisee than the Samaritan.

What do we mean by a "social conscience"? We mean, fundamentally, a feeling of responsibility towards our fellow-man; a realization that we must fight against suffering and misery and injustice anywhere and everywhere whether it directly touches us or not. The men of the International Brigade, for example, who fought against the Fascists in Spain had it. Ernest Hemingway

wrote a novel about one of those men and in the front he placed a quotation by a 17th century poet and clergyman, the quotation from which he chose the title of his book.

"No man is an Island, intire of it self; every man is a peece of the Continent, a part of the maine; if a Clod bee washed away by the Sea, Europe is the lesse, as well as if a Promontorie were, as well as if a Mannor of thy friends or of thine owne were; many mans death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankinde: And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee."

What John Donne said over three centuries ago and what Ernest Hemingway was saying in "For Whom the Bell Tolls," must be repeated and repeated for many still do not understand. They still say, "Why should I worry about the other guy?" and "Every man for himself." No one can lead a purely selfish life. The horrors of the past few years have proved the folly of isolationism in a country; surely people should also be convinced of the folly of a personal philosophy of isolationism.

## ONTARIO

The Provincial Convention of the Ontario CCYM is to be held on August eleventh and twelfth at the newly opened Woodsworth House in Toronto. This convention promises to be of great importance, in view of the many problems the Ontario CCYM faces now that the election results are known. There was a time when the CCYM in Ontario was almost exclusively confined to the city of Toronto, but this is no longer the case, and units are now operating at St. Catharines, Hamilton, London, Windsor and other points throughout Southern Ontario. This convention will be the first of meeting along with the old, to thrash out mutual problems.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

North Shore CCYM—By operating an ice-cream co-op, an egg pool, or a co-operative store, CCYM clubs could not only raise funds but membership would increase. R. H. Thompson told North Vancouver members June 22nd. The speaker suggested levying \$1 a share entitling young shareholders to both dividends and membership in the CCYM.

"Youth-managed co-ops would serve also through the business of mutual co-operation to infuse our idea of working together," he said.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The youngest candidate to run in the federal election was a CCYM member. He is Allan Callaghan, candidate for Queen's County, Prince Edward Island. He

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Edmonton is going to get burnt, and it won't be an electric chair. Watch out citizens!

How not to build houses—Monkey around with the insurance companies and the N.H.A.

How many strikes is Canada Packers going to have called on it before it quits using the big stick?

There are some rather nice editorials floating around some of the dailies these days. Socialism as instituted by the British can be democratic—One of these days the C.C.F. will be able to say "we told you so."

## WHO SAID IT?

"I believe we are very foolish in this House sometimes, those of us who refuse to believe that there is any good in Nazism, or that there is no usefulness in men like Hitler and Goering."—(A. Beverly Baxter, H. of C., 26/7/38) "The service rendered by Finland in the war was magnificent. They have exposed for all the world to see the military incapacity

of the Red Army and Airforce. Everyone can see how Communism rots the soul of a nation; how it makes it abject and hungry in peace, and proves it base and abominable in war." (Broadcast, Churchill, 20/1/40)

"A party (Tory) of great vested interests banded together in a formidable confederation; corruption at home; aggression to carry it abroad; the trickery of tariff juggles; the tyranny of a well-fed party machine; sentiment by the bucketful; patriotism and imperialism by the imperial pint." (W. Churchill, 8/5/1908)

Praising Mosley's Blackshirts for their "pride of race, love of country, loyalty, the briefest study of the movement (British Union of Fascists) and the most casual examination of its members satisfy one that it is largely derived from the Conservative party."—(Sir Thomas Moore, Daily Mail, 25/4/34)

Have you heard about the insurance deal the Social Crediters are trying to put over on the Credit unions?

There are 32 railway companies in Canada operating systems with a single-track mileage of five miles or more—How many people are operating with single-track minds?

When do you have to move?

disabled returned men. The plant will operate on a five-day week.

Western Footwear Ltd., has signed an agreement with the crown corporation whereby the former will distribute the entire output of Saskatchewan Leather Products. J. M. Cantor, president of Western Footwear, will be managing director of the government plant.

Saskatchewan shoe requirements will be met first, with sales to other prairie provinces and in other parts of Canada as opportunity offers. Possibility of an export market also have been considered, with several requests already received regarding this angle of distribution. The company has on hand a two-months' supply of leather.

Agreement between the government corporation and Western Footwear will remain in force for five years, as from June 25, 1945. Profits from the plant's operations will either be put into the plant or be employed as social dividends for the benefit of Saskatchewan people, said Mr. Phelps.

## Sask. May Import Russian Grouse

REGINA—Russian grouse may be imported into Saskatchewan from Siberia as a substitute for the chukkar partridge, Natural Resources Minister J. L. Phelps has announced.

A hardy bird, the Russian grouse may be more adaptable to the Saskatchewan climate than the chukkar, the raising of which was abandoned by the department because it seemed unsuitable for the province.

# PERSONAL STUFF

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perseverance, his courage, his energy and qualities of leadership in the thirty year of struggle which preceded his defection from the cause to which he had devoted his life. I think I have read most of what he wrote in the years when his hand and his mind were guiding and molding the Labor Party. He edited the Socialist Review, his books, Parliament and Revolution, Parliament and Democracy, Socialism: Critical and Constructive, and the programs of the Labor Party such as Labor and the Nation, which he drafted, were clear and challenging expositions of Socialist principles. One does not even have to forget what happened in 1931 to learn much and be greatly inspired by Ramsay MacDonald's words written and spoken as Secretary and Leader of the Labor Party.

Probably no one, with the possible exception of a psychiatrist, could explain what happened to MacDonald in 1931. It is important only in relation to a temporary set-back which it may have given to the Labor Party. It may not even have had that much effect. What is important is that great principles of justice and right are not dependent for their survival on any individual, even though he may have been their greatest exponent. It has been said of MacDonald that "From the day when he prepared the resolution, passed by the Trades Union Congress in 1899, which brought the Labor Party into being, until he drafted the program contained in 'Labor and the Nation' it has been Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's hand which has guided the Party from strength to strength." No one has questioned this claim. But the Labor Party and the principles for which it stood were so much greater than MacDonald or any other man, that his defection from them was a mere incident, tragic more for his memory than for any other effect. This is the complete answer to the doubting Thomases or saboteurs who try sometimes to discourage our efforts with suggestions that we may have some Ramsay MacDonalds in our Socialist movements. My answer is, so what?

Prophetic words, those of Ramsay MacDonald in 1924. "... generation after generation will come and there will still be the search for the Holy Grail by men like Keir Hardie. The shield of love and the spear of justice will still be in the hands of good and upright men and women and the ideal of a great future will still be in front of our people." He threw down the shield, he let go of the spear, but there were other men and women to pick them up and face the foes of human well-being. That is because the principles of "human brotherhood and justice so transcended the strongest men that their defection from such principles is no more harmful to them than the plucking of a flower from a living plant. Let us give full credit to James Ramsay MacDonald for the contribution he made to the building of the structure of democratic Socialism in Britain. He was building something incomparably greater than himself. So shall it ever be.

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